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AUTOMATED MATERIAL HANDLING SYSTEMS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2000, please enter the following amendment in connection with the above referenced patent application.

In the Specification

Page 12, line 25, delete "a of" and insert --of a--;

Page 12, line 27, delete "introduce" and insert --introduces--;

Page 16, line 31, delete "a of" and insert --of a--; and

Page 16, line 32, delete "introduce" and insert --introduces--.

In the Claims

Please add new claims 19 and 20 and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An automated material handling system, comprising:
a plurality of material carriers including a plurality of empty carriers classified into [two or more] at least two empty carrier types;
at least one [or more] stock [areas] area, each including a plurality of bins for storing material carriers, wherein each stock area is associated with [one or more thresholds] at least one threshold for each empty carrier type;

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